

BASEBALL

Nationals-Athletics Game
Called off Because of Rain

GIANTS

Slaughtered at Home
By the Boston Team

BOXING

Tommy Murphy Knocks
Out Our "Kid" Sullivan

RAIN STOPS SECOND

Weather Man Forces Post-
ponement with Athletics.

LAST OF THE SERIES TO-DAY

Cantillon Will Pitch Groom in the
Final "Rube" Vickers to Oppose
Him on the Slab-Teams to Attend
Funeral of Powers in a Body.
Johnson Consents to Postponement.

After holding off until shortly before the second game with the Athletics was scheduled to begin yesterday, and with a good sized crowd present expecting to witness the reversal of form the Nationals are bound to show soon, the rain descended in torrents and necessitated the postponement of the contest. Although disappointing to the fans at the park and the large crowd on their way to the Seventh avenue grounds, the postponement can be taken as unfortunate, so far as the Nationals' standing in the race is concerned. Connie Mack's crew are traveling at good speed, and as far as condition is concerned are in much better shape than the local squad, but the chances are that in the next visit of the Philadelphia crew they will be up against a team that has reached its stride and playing the class of ball they are capable of producing.

Thursday's game has been called off with the consent of President Johnson, of the American League, but the fans will have a chance to see the team in action today, if the weather permits, for the last time before the long trip. As expected, the Thursday game was postponed in respect to Powers, and both teams will leave for Philadelphia immediately after tomorrow's game, and will probably attend the funeral in a body. Cantillon will send Groom to the slab to-day, and if so he will be opposed by Rube Vickers. Groom realizes that his first appearance here was all to the bad, but he is confident that he will prove himself worthy of the apparent regard for his ability that Manager Cantillon possesses, despite his disastrous start. Groom is a wonderful speed and good curves, and with a little encouragement will no doubt prove to be the goods. "That first inning," he said, "has always been a hoodoo of mine and I always felt a lot better when it's over and seem to have more as the game progresses. I expect to make good and will show the fans that the first inning against New York was all a mistake."

Manager Mack was pleased when he learned that the Washington management had postponed the Thursday game and that Ban Johnson had consented thereto. Powers was an able lieutenant of Mack's, as well as his close personal friend, and the doctor's death affected him deeply.

The showing of the team to date, although admittedly far inferior than even the most ardent pessimist had imagined, calls for very little knocking. It has been purely and simply a matter of conditions in the race to date and the Nationals were unlucky enough to be in the poorest shape of any of the eight teams when the season started. Detroit was similarly placed last year and got away in poor shape. Their pitchers were ineffective and the team didn't hit, yet as soon as they recovered they managed to win their games, even with a crippled infield. The brace is bound to come and while there is nothing to do but to wait and hope that it comes soon, it is certain that knocking will not bring it.

With the death of Powers, the bulk of the catching for Philadelphia will fall upon Ira Thomas, the former Tiger. Thomas hit well last year for Detroit, but his work behind the bat was of color, and accounts for his sale. Livingston, the Hoosier recruit, has shown form in the minors that gives promise of a successful career upon his second major league trial, but as the former Indianapolis star was among Charlie Carr's holdouts, it will be some time before he will be in shape to don the mask.

The team opens in Boston against the Red Sox on Friday if the weather proves warm enough. Tannehill will be worked against his former team mates. If the southpaw has recovered the use of his arm, it is certain that he will stick with the club, and should strengthen the pitching staff greatly. After the Boston series the team goes to Philadelphia, and the Nationals are expected to have a successful season. This trip will produce this season, as the club should be in good shape by that time.

"DEL" TO PLAY IN HOME TOWN.

Washington Second Baseman Soon to Be in Good Standing.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Cleveland, Ohio, April 27.—Ban Johnson, president of the American League, was here to-day professionally to see a game of baseball, but really it is thought on other business entirely.

While here he asked the sporting writers what they thought about the punishment of Jim Delehanty, who was barred from the Cleveland park for one year.

The writers agreed that Delehanty had been punished sufficiently, he having been barred from five games on the Cleveland park, and the chances are that the Cleveland club will make its request to the league president that Delehanty's suspension be lifted.

Rain Stops the Preps Games.
The Army and Navy Preps met yesterday afternoon in a one-inning battle. After the first round the rain butted in and stopped the game. The score stood 1 to 0 at the end of the inning in favor of the Preps. The batteries were Upton and Howard, for Western, and Norris and Weber for the Preps. Umpire, Mr. Rose.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

New York, 4; Boston, 3.

Chicago, 1; St. Louis, 0.

GAMES TO-DAY.

Philadelphia at Washington.

Detroit at Cleveland.

St. Louis at Chicago.

New York at Boston.

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CLOSE FINISH AT BOSTON.

Man on Third, Two Out, and Then Heavy Hitter Fans.

Boston, April 27.—The Red Sox threw a scare into the Highlanders in the final inning of to-day's game when they scored two runs and had a man on third base with two out. At this point Wilson was called to the bench by Stallings, and Quinn took his place on the mound when it was seen that Spencer was going to bat for Arleneas. Then came a confab between Manager Lake and Capt. Gessler, which resulted in Spencer stepping down in favor of Wolter, the hard hitting southpaw, who promptly struck out New York won the game by a 4 to 3 score.

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